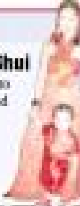
LIFESTYLE / C1

Madame Feng Shui

aka Tessa tells all: How to enhance your wealth and happiness in the Year of the Boar.



SUNDAY MAGAZINE

Young Chinoys dream

big in Year of the Pig, or how the 17 [illegible] generation is tinkering with old traditions with refreshing twists and turns to achieve success.



SUNDAY BIZ / B1

Retailers' best

sellers: What Filipinos bought with their hard-earned money in 2006.

ENTERTAINMENT / G1



American Idol

picks Fil-Am one of top 24 candidates.

JOB Market

The career builder

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

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LIKE A ROUSING SPRING: At the Cebu Coliseum, President Arroyo launches the campaign of her handpicked senatorial candidates on her administration's Team Unity. She is flanked by, from left, Senators Edgardo Angara and Joker Arroyo, Mike Defensor, Sultan Jamalul Kiram III, Vic Magsaysay, Cesar Montano, Tessie Aquino-Oreta, Prospero Pichay, Ralph Recto, Chavit Singson, Tito Sotto and Miguel Zubiri.

It's a go for Team Unity

WHAT'S INSIDE

Anna Nicole
Smith can't yet rest in peace. She left her entire estate to her son Daniel, according to her will released Friday. The problem is Daniel himself died last September. So, expect another legal battle for sure.



WORLD / A21

Supermom
of Texas: Her 9 children are her trophies. All are college grads with her youngest twin sons graduates of West Point.

GLOBAL / A18

Fr. Jerry Orbos,
SVD: It's that time of the year again. The Lenten season starts on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21. More than disciplining the body with acts of penance, let us discipline our hearts to remove hatred, pride, greed and decide to love more.

OPINION / A10

Home are the sailors from sea of captivity

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Tarra V. Quismundo

MOTHERS HUGGED THEIR sons, wives kissed their husbands, and the kids held their fathers' hands.

This was the scene at Malacañang that greeted media people who covered the emotional family reunions of the 24 Filipino seamen held hostage for nearly a month in the deep remote jungles of Nigeria.

After the initial, tearful embraces at the Palace, the seafarers went to their tables and dined with their spouses, parents, and children.

The 24 seafarers looked relieved after their ordeal.

But President Macapagal-Arroyo, who had flown to Manila from the Cebu launch of her senatorial ticket, made them wait up to about 10 p.m. before meeting with them.

HOME A6



HOME TO A VIP WELCOME: The 24 Filipino sailors held by Nigerian militants were treated to a pampered reception that started at the Naia when they arrived in the late afternoon all the way to the Palace where they were united with their families and the President hosted a mansion dinner.

Montano gives up ₱30M in ad, TV fees

By Nini Valera

NOW THAT HE IS RUNNING for senator, actor Cesar "Buboy" Montano will be losing at least P30 million in current endorsement deals with advertisers and at least P5 million in talent fees for a role in a new action-adventure television series.

Montano, 45, filed his candidacy Friday night, replacing Leyte Gov. Jericho Petilla in the senatorial lineup of the administration's Team Unity ticket.

Like Manny Pacquiao, Kris Aquino, Sharon Cuneta, Aga Muhlach, among others, Montano is one of the most sought-after product endorsers in the country today, even if he has continued to shy away from appearing in ads for beer and cigarettes "as a matter of principle."

The multi-awarded actor, screenwriter and director currently endorses Touch Mobile, Nestlé Coffee Mate and Fita [illegible] in print, radio, TV and billboard ads. He reportedly earns at least P8 million a year for each multi-media campaign mounted by these brands, or a total of P24 million for these three products.

The actor is also the image model for Hanford's underwear

MONTANO A6

Actor steals scene from teammates in Cebu

By Michael Lim Ubac

CEBU CITY—THE roar of approval, the confetti and the balloons told it all—an election campaign off to a rousing start. It was short and sweet, simple but festive.

And all eyes were on former Senators Vicente Sotto III and Tessie Oreta-Aquino when President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday proclaimed the 12 senatorial candidates of her Team Unity's launching in Cebu City.

Not even the presence on stage of the day's undisputed scene-stealer, movie actor-director Cesar Montano, whom Ms Arroyo had drafted into the ticket at the last minute, could dim the spotlight on the two former opposition figures.

After all, it hadn't been too long since Sotto and Oreta were standing side by side with the late movie king and opposition presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr. in the 2004 election.

Now, in another political extravaganza before 8,000 people at the Cebu Coliseum, the pair were standing alongside the woman whom Poe's allies had accused of cheating him of victory at the polls.

Oreta and Sotto individually walked to center stage where a

IT'S A GO A6

THE UNKNOWNS

Senate bets run on God-centered politics

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE TALL MAN, GRINNING, OFfered handshakes to shoppers. A total stranger, he was welcomed anyway at the Greenhills "tiangge" in San Juan yesterday.

"I am Dr. Martin Bautista. I am running for senator under Ang Kapatiran. (The Brotherhood) party. I am not a traditional politician," he told curious strangers huddled around him.

"Bautista who? Ang Kapatiran what?" was the quickly polite reaction of the shoppers. One went further and asked: "Do you have any chance of winning?"

Bautista, 44, knows only too well it's a tall order to go against a bunch of senatorial hopefuls parading celebrity wives, prominent names and bottomless campaign kitties.

But the gastro-enterologist would not have abandoned a lucrative medical practice in the United States if he was not con-

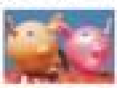
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ELECTION 07

Year of the Pig rings in the good life

By George Sison
Contributor

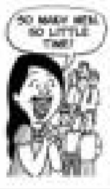
Editor's Note: George Sison is the author of the bestseller, "A Miracle Awaits You," and founder of the Temple of Prayer, Peace and Prosperity. He will soon launch "Feng Shui of the Mind... I am a Winner" in the Year of the Pig.



THE YEAR OF THE FIRE PIG STARTS today, Feb. 18, at 12:14 a.m., ringing in the good life, the days of wine and roses, and for some, la vida loca (the crazy life).

The Year of the Pig is synonymous to a year of plenty. Expect extravagance, chivalry, lav-

YEAR A6



Website opens doors for dateless singles

By Jocelyn R. Uy

WIDOW HELEN BULADACO, 48, HAS NEVER been out on a date in her life.

But two days after Valentine's Day, she ended up having a rendezvous with at least 32 men from all walks of life—geeks, metrosexuals, yuppies.

WEBSITE A6

Second FrontPage

UN prober listens to victims' kin

BAGUIO CITY—THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL rapporteur Philip Alston said he would do everything to bring to the attention of the international community the cases of human rights abuses presented to him during his visit to the Philippines.

Make Melo report public first—Biazon

20 bullets found in US-bound solon's bag

Hollywood to make film on Abu Sayyaf





MODENA

Envoy Modena dies at 58



NEW REPUBLIC

Erap should be freed in the meantime–Villar

PMA address

Cha-cha recalled

Comelec delists TUCP, 32 other party-list groups

By Jerome Aning

Pre-need party-list group goes on stump

DFA warns Pinoys in Canada about text scam using GMA



The Gambia marks 42 years of freedom

Cop seeks wife's rescue from brutal Kuwaiti employer



Montano gives up ₱30M . . .

Great raid

Big sacrifice

Who can refuse GMA?

Can't refuse GMA

It's a go for Team Unity



THE STAR OF THE TEAM UNITY LAUNCH was clearly Cesar Montano who only had to walk on stage to get the audience going gaga.

Confetti and balloons

Austerity theme

Many 'firsts'

His own show

Saving the day

It's GMA walking tall

Year of the pig . . .

Outlook for 2007

Lack of funds slows down GO campaign sorties

The Daily Gospel





Home are the sailors from the sea of captivity



Palace dinner

Jailed in an island

No words

Not routine

Families' torment

Hardest part

Senate bets run on God-centered politics



Life is short

Abundance of idealism

Educating voters

Pro-life party

No gimmicks

The Holy Spirit

Website opens doors for dateless singles

Sex and the City

Giving oneself a chance

Second chance

Opening doors

Ex-military officials join political battles

By Christine O. Avendaño and Fe Zamora

BAGUIO CITY—MORE FORMER MILITARY men are searching the political arena.

Those joining the May election fray include Col. Abraham Purugganan, the former Young Officers' Union (YOU) leader, retired Police Director Eduardo Matillano and former Police Comptroller Reynaldo Velasco.

Purugganan hopes to become congressman of La Union, Matillano is seeking to displace Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn, while Velasco is running for mayor of San Barbara, Pangasinan.

Former Philippine National Police Director General Arturo Lomibao has also expressed plans to run for governor of Pangasinan. Retired Col. Rodolfo Paredes and another coup plotter Lt. Antonio Trillanes IV had filed candidacies for seats in the Senate.

Matillano told reporters during the homecoming of alumni of the Philippine Military Academy yesterday that he was "physically and spiritually" ready to do battle in Puerto Princesa and was not fazed by the prospect of fighting it out with Hagedorn, a close ally of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Who makes a mayor

"The President does not make a mayor. It's the people," said Matillano.

He said that if elected, he would stop the extrajudicial killings in Palawan, calling attention to the killing last year of radio broadcaster Dong Batul, whose murder remained unresolved.

Matillano belongs to PMA Class 1971, the same class in which former military-turned-senators Panfilo Lacson and Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan belong.

Their election to the Senate, along with former Gen. Rodolfo Biazon and Gen. Alfredo Lim may have fueled hopes—or delusions—others in uniform could do the same.

Other ex-military people had also won seats in the Lower House: Brig. Gen. Rodolfo Cantuja, Brig. Gen. Jesus Dureza, Lt. Col. Rodolfo Aguinaldo, among others. Brig. Gen. Gregorio Flores was elected mayor of a town in Pateros.

Ramos, too

And of course, Gen. Fidel V. Ramos was elected President in 1992.

Matillano said his entry into politics was just a part of fighting for his country, which he said he started when he first joined the Edsa People Power uprising in 1986 and later the coup attempts against the Aquino administration in 1987.

"We in our class are committed to service," he told reporters.

Purugganan, on the other hand, said that he was joining the political arena because he had always been an advocate of reforms, having served in the government as well.

Personal choice

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, a former military general and congressman, said former military men entered into the political arena out of "personal choice."

"They go to public service after retirement because they think they can really help; that is their motivation," Ermita said.

Ermita said he believed that the Edsa uprising in 1986 "opened the gates" for military people getting into politics "because the military played a major role in that political event."

A member of PMA Class 1970, retired Col. Teodoro Delantaras, advised comrades who harbor political plans to also study the terrain before plunging into battle.

"They don't even study the rudiments of politics. They think that because they became provincial director of this or that province, they were already known," Delantaras said.

A lawyer who works at the Bureau of Immigration, Delantaras is married to Beth Delantaras, a councilor in Quezon City who plans to run for a congressional seat in May.

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Harsh words

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A worthy promotion

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Isagani A. Cruz

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Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

Liberty and prosperity under the rule of law

With Due Respect

Artemio V. Panganiban



Of weddings and pigs

At Large

Rina Jimenez-David



Now, they're killing students

Public Lives

Randy David



The noise of democracy

Rebel Without A Cue

Patricia Evangelista

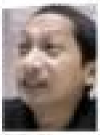


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Energy-saving gadgets and e-transport

Firm comes up with innovations



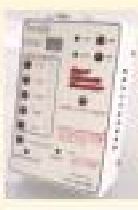


e-bike



e-trike

Ref saver





Electronic ballast

Aircon timer





Other innovations

Photo-printing machine



Queuing system





Scoreboards, digital displays

Power-surge protector



Other products

INQUIRER Mindanao

Sulu tribes unaware of Kiram poll bid

THE COUNTRY'S SOUTHERNMOST PART, THE TRADItional "dependencies" of the Sulu Sultanate may not even know that its modern day heir, Sultan Jamalul Kiram III, is running for senator.



KIRAM

Powerful sultan

Parents told: Keep kids from US troops

Rape, shooting cases recalled in war games

ZAMBOANGA CITY—THE PARENTS OF AT LEAST two individuals, who suffered abuses in the hands of US soldiers, have called on other parents to be wary of the start here today of the Balikatan.



Cops seize 43 kg of marijuana in raid





RECLAIMING LAND

NIA denies diversion of funds to roads

Youths gear for nationwide class boycott

Cordillerans warned betel nut chewing can cause cancer





ASHES TO ASHES

Fire stations listed as fire hazards

News

Baguio seeing invasion of Korean evangelists



UNORTHODOX CALL. An unidentified Korean evangelist uses a trumpet to sound the call to his preaching on Session Road in Baguio City.

Dropping of raps vs publisher urged



KUNG HEI FAT CHOI! Fireworks welcome the Chinese New Year today with a pyrotechnics display at Plaza San Lorenzo Ruiz in Chinatown, Binondo, Manila, last night. For the Chinese, this is the Year of the Fire Boar.

Aplus METRO

This easy rider is a top cop

Relieving stress

Innovative way



PNP CHIEF Oscar Calderon: Keeping Metro Manila's streets safe.

GLOBAL Pinoy

SUPERMOM OF TEXAS

Her 9 children, all college grads, are her trophies



DISENCHANTED AND DRIVEN TO DESPAIR over years of the oppressive Marcos regime, Eduardo and Anita Ongcangco Reyes packed up with their children, all nine of them, eight sons and a daughter, and made the big move to America sometime in 1979.

Love at first sight

Back to nursing





Loneliest spring

Amazing records

Twins are West Point grads

Retiring in November



Doc left bride to make it in Saudi, now tills 69 has of sugar, rice fields



Saving grace

Bovine business

Go Negosyo awardee

A man of health

This easy rider is a top cop

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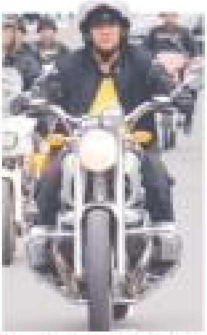
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Power street crimes

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Quicker response time

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WHENEVER he has time, Calderon goes on bike patrol and makes unannounced visits to different police stations in the metropolis.

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Police visibility

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California city mayor robbed in beauty salon

By Tina G. Santos

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Missing wallet

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Distraction

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US House assails Bush's troop buildup in Iraq

WorldBriefs

KL top cop suggests confining guest workers

US deploys stealth fighters in Japan

7 al-Qaida associates draw life terms

Moth threatens favorite Mexican food

Chili pepper from India is world's hottest

Rio's Carnival kicks off under shadow of violence



Milan judge orders CIA agents to stand trial for '03 kidnap



NASR

Infants form memories, but quickly forget



LEBANESE MOTHER AND CHILD.

The WORLD

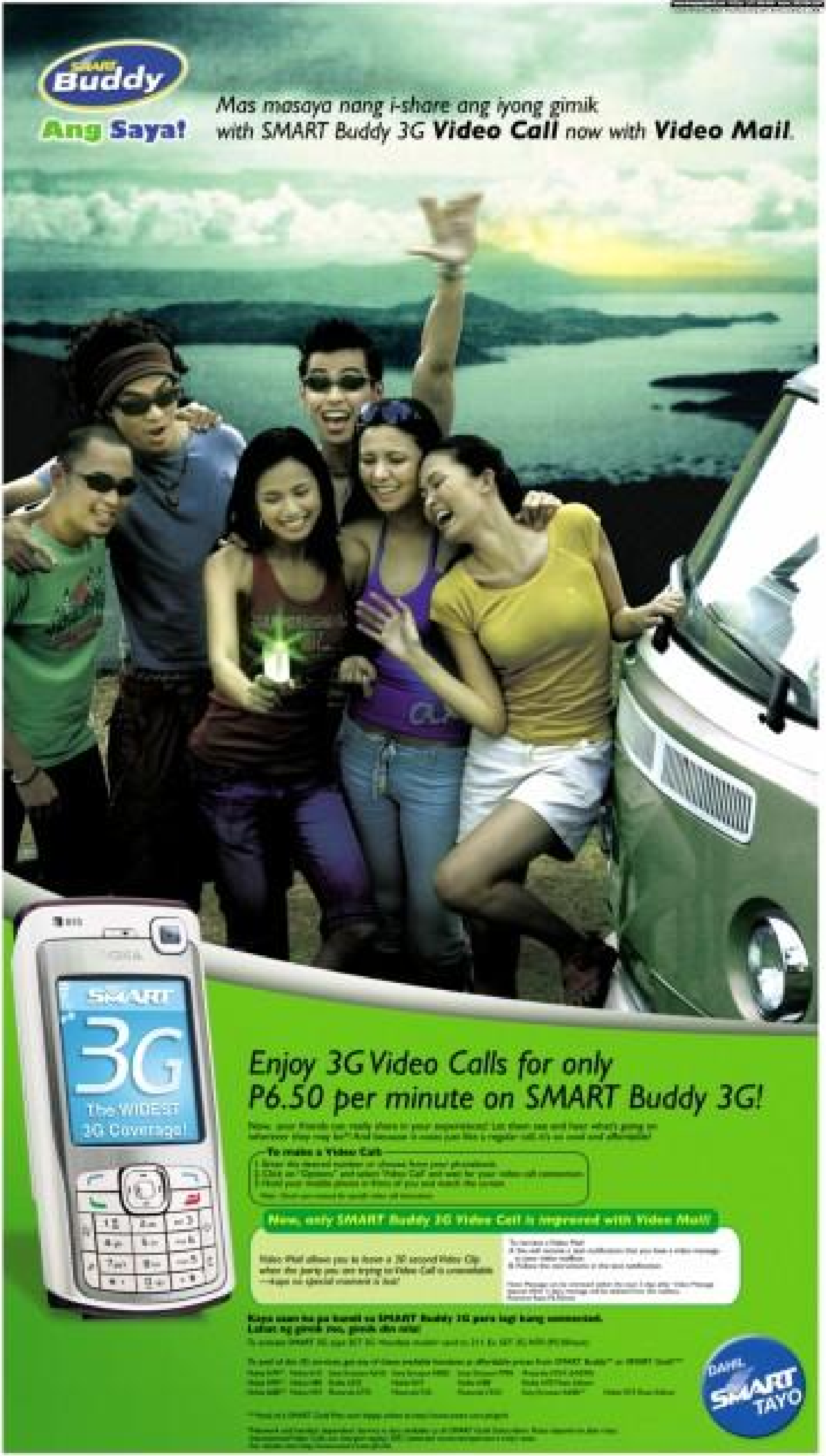
MORE LEGAL CONFUSION

In will, Smith left estate to now dead son

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA—FORMER PLAYboy model Anna Nicole Smith wanted her now dead son to inherit her estate, according to a will released Friday amid legal wrangling over the body of the billionaire's widow who died in Florida last week.



ANNA NICOLE SMITH with Howard Stern, her attorney and lover, in this Oct. 7, 2000 photo.


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Sunday SPORTS

Harbour Centre bags Silver Cup via sweep



SAN JUAN Mayor JV Ejercito awards the trophy to officials, players and supporters of Harbour Centre, which sailed to second straight PBL championship by sweeping Hapee PCU in the Silver Cup finals. Story on A26.

Miñoza nears breakthrough golf triumph

IT SEEMS LOCAL HERO FRANKIE MIÑOZA HASN'T YET SATISfied his appetite for winning.

Two weeks after ruling the Philippine Open, Miñoza is knocking at the door for a breakthrough European Tour big victory as the Filipino star emerged the provisional third round leader of the Enjoy Jakarta Astro Indonesia Open.

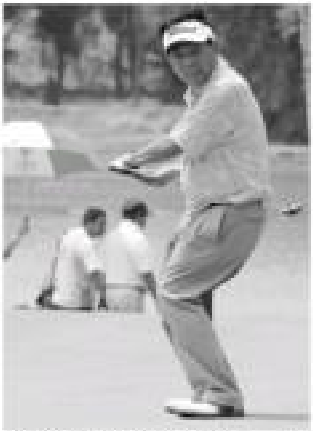
The 47-year-old Miñoza was on top of the leaderboard with a five-under card through 17 holes and eight-under for the tournament when play was called due to thunder and lightning at the Damai Indah Golf and Country Club.

The siren sounded as soon as he marked his ball on the 18th green and facing a tricky par putt. The three players trailing him in the

MIÑOZA/A26

Canlubang leads by 6; Agui rules Friendship

CAGAYAN DE ORO—DEFENDING CHAMPION Canlubang squeezed out a six-point lead over arch rival Luisita at the tough Del Monte course yesterday to pave the way for a thrilling finish in the Philippine Airlines Seniors Inter-club tournament.



COMELEC Chair Benjamin Abalos does a jig after a putt.



Mickelson climbs to top with eagle

Miñoza nears breakthrough...



Pressel shares lead; Rosales rally falls short

Ilagan scores 3rd ace at Manila Southwoods

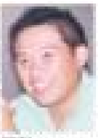
Santillan seeks OPBF crown June 9 in Japan

Imported Stakes Series first leg kicks off big races

PBA board: Chot's the man

League gives Reyes fresh mandate as nat'l coach

BACK TO THE ORIGINAL script.



REYES

Former Eaglet now soars in 'Desert High'

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

Hatfield: Long rest might hurt streaking Kings



Olympic bid needs lots of help, says PSC head

RP triathletes face stiff test in national championship



ARAULLO

NCA holds blockbuster derby

All-Star on 3D for first time



Limping West up for classic; Sophomores rout Rookies

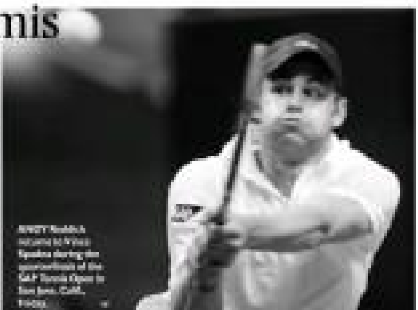
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—WHILE TIM HARDAWAY managed to talk himself out of the festivities, those selected for the 56th annual NBA All-Star Game were busy talking up the midseason classic on Friday.

Gambling, sex talks outscore basketball



PIPPEN

Roddick faces Murray in semis

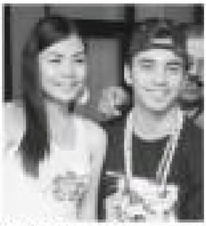


ANDY Roddick returns to Vince Spadea during the quarterfinals of the SAP Tennis Open in San Jose, Calif., Friday.



Clijsters, Mauresmo advance to Final Four

Montiel here to defend title



Da Flash awards honor Pacquiao, other achievers



Alabang hosts Adidas TR28 action today

Inter-Collegiate shoot tomorrow

Active tourney on

SPORTSWATCH

4th Bro. Benedict Golf Cup

CKSC Dragons enter Tiong Lian finals

Rambulan prizes total P10.5 million

PCAP cockfest slated Monday

Echiverri-Pichay rapid chess championship up March 10

Kiamco trains hard for Reno



Stockinger draws first blood in Rotax



Sunday SPORTS

Finally, Hapee's Castro nails MVP trophy

By Joanne W. Papa

Fantastic Freshman



CASTRO: Worth the wait

Harbour Centre bags crown

Sweeps Hapee to claim Silver Cup

By Joanne W. Papa



FINALS MVP Chico Lanete celebrates his team's triumph.

TOUGHER IN EVERY ASPECT OF THE GAME, HARBOUR Centre swept Hapee-PCU yesterday to bag its second straight PBL championship.

Tagaytay ready to defend Asian title

Top GMs joining rich Philippine Open





GMS EUGENE Torre (left) and Joey Antonio can expect stiff opposition.

Sunday Biz
Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

'I know what you bought last year'

By Margie Quimpo-Espino, Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Tina A. Dumlao

THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY would have fared much better in 2006 had there been less typhoons wreaking havoc in the agriculture sector. But while growth, as determined by the gross domestic product, is expected to grow at the same levels in 2006 as in 2005, the economy last year showed signs of perking up as seen from a bullish stockmarket and growing strength of the peso against the US dollar.

In the shopping cart



Shopwise's bestsellers



Robinsons Supermarket bestsellers

Gardenia's bestsellers



1. Classic White Bread
2. High Fiber Wheat Bread
3. California Raisin Loaf
4. Pandesal
5. Chocolate Chip Loaf

Top 10 bestsellers in SM supermarkets

From the electronics and appliance shops



Abenson bestsellers (audio and video)

1. Sony LCD TVs
2. Samsung LCD TVs
3. Flat and Slim TVs
4. Flat TVs
5. Branded DVD
6. Sony digital camera
7. Canon digital camera
8. Home Theater
9. Magic Sing
10. Mini component

Top selling appliances

1. LCD TVs
2. Plasma TVs
3. Micro Display Projection TVs
4. DVD Players
5. Home Theater Systems / Speaker Systems

I know what you bought last year

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Top Electronics/Gadgets

1. Digital Cameras
2. Cellphones
3. Ipod / MP3 / MP4 Players
4. Video Cameras
5. Portable DVD Players

White line bestsellers

1. Refrigerators – Direct Cool
2. No Frost Refrigerators
3. Aircon
4. Split type air conditioners
5. Fully automatic washing machines
6. Branded Electric Fan
7. Branded Floor Polishers
8. Branded Flat Iron
9. Cooking Ranges
10. Microwave

"For those upgrading their sets, we feel..." said Winston Lim.

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Top 10 items sold at SM Department stores

I. Accessories

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II. Shoes

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III. Boys

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IV. Snack/Edibles

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V. Record Bar

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Shopwise non-grocery bestsellers

For women

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For men

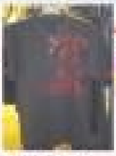
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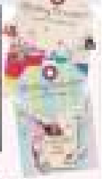
Top 5 accessories

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What the rich bought

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Luxury bestsellers

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China Bank Celebrates Chinese New Year

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What firms gave away

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Best product category

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Hardware bestsellers

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The vehicles you bought

1. Toyota Innova
2. Vios Toyota
3. Fortuner Toyota
4. Civic Honda
5. Adventure Mitsubishi
6. Crosswind Isuzu
7. City Honda
8. Altis Toyota
9. L300 FB Mitsubishi
10. Hilux Toyota

For kids only (best selling toys)

Toy Kingdom

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Toys 'R' Us

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Shopwise toy section

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Sweet tooth's favorites

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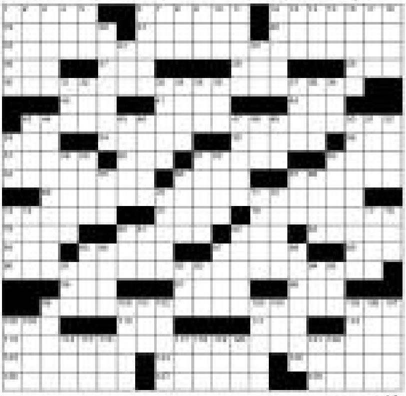
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PREMIER CROSSWORD / By Frank A. Longo — PRESIDENTS

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When students run a mall

Lab for students to learn ins and outs of retail



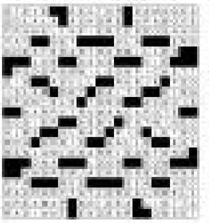


From cart to cafe

Former insurgency hotbed now grows mushrooms



Restoring respect to a leadership role



A LEADER'S WAY



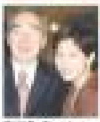
John C. Maxwell

Sunday LifeStyle

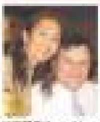
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BUSINESS leaders Wash SyCip and Socorro Ramos



GUILD of jewelers Jay Cuesta and Mia Florendo



WOFS Phil. president Marites Allen and husband Mitch



GUILD of jewelers Mia Fenstermann flanked by Consul Helen Ong and CCP president Nestor Jardin



JEWELRY patrons Evie Costa, Helen Ong, Mellie Ablaza and Ramon Orlina



THREE generations of jewelers, Jude Dizon and her family

Call me Madam Feng Shui

Enhance your wealth and happiness in the Year of the Fire Boar

TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes



THE YEAR OF THE FIRE BOAR has finally arrived, bringing to auspicious energies of prosperity, good health and love. Thanks to World of Feng Shui Philippines owner Marites Allen, I have become an amateur geomancer, hopefully enhancing wealth and happiness among those relatives and friends eager enough to consult me.

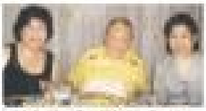
During the 2nd Feng Shui Extravaganza sponsored by the Inquirer, engaging and informative WOFS CEO Lillian Too shared her annual doses of this Chinese New Year in the well-attended twin events titled "Getting Rich and Staying Safe in the Year of the Fire Boar 2007." The highly entertaining sessions were held at the Premier Cinema, SM Mall of Asia, and at the Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel.

Armed with her analysis of what the energies of the New Year have in store for individuals and industries, world-renowned geomancy expert Lillian dished out her much-awaited pointers to enable us to harness good fortune and protect ourselves from any harm [illegible] brought about by negative stars.

Focusing on individual animal signs, she says this will be a good year for those born in the years of the Sheep, Monkey, Dragon and Horse, and a challenging one for the Rat, Ox, Tiger, Snake, Dog, and Boar. Being a Rabbit, I guess I am on neutral ground but can still enjoy a good year ahead. She also went into detail about auspicious months for each sign and suggested different feng shui cures and enhancers to combat negativity.

The Fire Boar brings good prospects as well for those involved in metal industries (jewelry, computers, engineering, cars) and earth industries (real estate, insurance, mining, chemicals). On the other hand, it will be an average year for those in wood [illegible], agriculture, fashion, food, publishing, education) and a competitive year for water industries (travel, shipping,

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WORLD of Feng Shui CEO Lillian Too, Wash SyCip and Tessie Sy-Coson



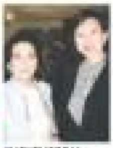
WOFS family Connie Leong, Stanley Ong and Kee Hoo Chee



WOFS Extravaganza Marites Allen, Sen Prieto, Manjo and Lillian Too, Malaysian Ambassador Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi and Goh Meng Seng of Malaysia Airways



CHINESE celebration with friends and Margarita Galvez-Ang and my goal-couple Erwyn and Maribel Ong



YUCHENGCO Museum curator Joanne Jamias with Helen Yuchengco-Dee



FENG SHUI friends Mel-Mei Lledo, Manu Tanseco, Lier Lledo and Mark Higgins

Celebrate 365 days' worth of special moments with cakes that express you, honor that loved one or simply mark that affair so uniquely, so beautifully.



On March 2007, Red Ribbon Bakeshop celebrates its 28th year in the Philippines. It is a milestone that marks close to 3 decades of bringing joy to family and friends and making each occasion really special through its delicious, beautiful cakes.

With its acquisition in October 2005 by Jollibee Foods Corporation, Red Ribbon enters a new phase in its company history. "This is truly an exciting time for our company! We are very bullish about our growth over the next few years, beginning with our major relaunch this month," says Ms. Regina E. Navarrete, President of the Philippine and US operations.

From its first store in Timog, Quezon City in 1979, Red Ribbon has grown to 168 outlets all over the country and 16 stores in the US. It currently has 8 commissaries nationwide and 3 in the US.

A History of Quality, Great-Tasting Cakes and Pastries

The company will soon become the biggest and fastest-growing bakeshop in the Philippines. Its mission is to bring the joy of eating to everyone through its great-tasting food. Ramon Saño, R&D and Technical Services Director proudly states, "Our superior quality is our source of corporate pride. Our cakes, breads and pastries consistently win in product tests versus competition!"

Red Ribbon uses premium ingredients, such as real butter, high-quality cake flour, and its unique Red Ribbon cream. No wonder, Red Ribbon cakes have become a tradition, an integral part of every celebration – birthdays, christenings, anniversaries, and weddings.



An Exciting New Look

On this 28th anniversary, Red Ribbon also unveiled itself with a new visual identity. "Our brand is taking on a more contemporary and dynamic look while retaining its brand charm... Red Ribbon will appeal to a broader segment of consumers while staying connected with our loyal customers. We're giving people more reasons to bond with and love our brand," says Jessica C. Abaya, Marketing Head.

The new logo leverages on the red ribbon, a strong icon of a special gift. The new logo is the visual key to the branded world, the full expression of which comes to life through its applications from innovative cake boxes, attractive store signages, to spiffy crew uniforms and impactful communication materials.

Putting Even More Heart Into Customer Service

Red Ribbon also relaunches with a higher level of customer service. "We want to delight the customer in every encounter," says Juan Arnold Arceo, Luzon Operations Head. "Red Ribbon is aggressively upgrading the organization's level of competency ... all employees are re-trained ... to know by heart the Red Ribbon culture of excellence so they take pride in living and sharing the core values of the company," adds Ms. Theresa Jota, HR Director.

Improvements will come in a variety of ways: improved dine-in experience with strict FSC (Food, Service, Cleanliness & Condition) compliance, better take-out experience to ensure faster servicing time, enhanced delivery service with a broader coverage and more efficient service. Your favorite cakes are just a phone call away with our easy-to-recall Metro Manila delivery hotline number - 787 7777.

Just think about it – *somewhere in the* ***Philippines, a Red Ribbon cake is making someone very happy today…*** *now, that is beautiful!*

You bring blessings to happy birthdays.







A New Brand Experience

Owing to its heritage of bringing families and friends together, Red Ribbon captures this core benefit in a campaign that best summarizes what the company has stood for all these 29 years. "Whatever the celebration, it's more beautiful with a Red Ribbon" – a simple yet powerful idea encapsulating the beautiful effect that Red Ribbon products have on any occasion.

Whatever the celebration,
It's more beautiful
with a
Red Ribbon

Red Ribbon Cakes by Design

Beautiful Cakes by Design



Aside from its well-known favorite products, Red Ribbon relaunches the decorative cakes category under a new name – Cakes by Design. It offers 280 designs ranging from all-original designs, photo cakes, to licensed characters like Barbie, MyScene, and Mr. Bean for birthdays, weddings, and all other special occasions. To provide a more pleasurable experience to celebration planning, Red Ribbon has developed a new set of pretty, user-friendly catalogues designed to make cake ordering easier and more fun. It categorizes cakes by occasion. For birthday cakes, it is further broken down by gender. Indeed, Red Ribbon makes cake selection truly hassle-free.

Red Ribbon will launch 14 new Cakes by Design centers by March 1, 2007. They are located in strategic areas nationwide – Libis, Katipunan, Megamall, [illegible], Timog, Missouri St., SM Centerpoint, SM North EDSA, SM Southmall, Binondo, Park Square, [illegible], Calamba, SM Pampanga and SM Cebu. The centers will be equipped with computers and LCD screens for easy viewing of the electronic catalogue. Well-trained Cake Specialists will be on hand to assist Customers throughout the selection and ordering process of their favorite specialty cakes.

Now, celebration planning is a beautiful experience with Red Ribbon.





Advertorial

Whether it's a quiet gathering or a
lively party,





It's more beautiful with a



Call me Madam Feng Shui

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With Washington SyCip

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Bejeweled exhibit

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WINNER Marianne Frianeli



NBA star and Adidas endorser Tracy McGrady flies four lucky boys to Texas

Hoop dreams do come true

Text and photos by Bois Formoso
Contributor

IT IS THE CLASSIC STORY OF the triumph of the underdog. In fact, you could say it's the classic story of the Pinoy, who is often looked down upon and expected to lose. It is the story of four young boys from Davao who in school are considered as "Team B" (second-rate, if you please) but fought hard to make it to the Adidas Asian Streetball Finals 2006 in China. They made it that far only to lose by one point to the home team in what was described as a biased game not only by representatives from the Philippines but even the Chinese audience.

While these boys had to settle for second place, someone watching the tournament saw how they played with all heart and, more importantly, that they played fair.

Fortunately, that someone turned out to be Tracy McGrady, a frontrunner for Most Valuable Player in the National Basketball Association

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Hoop dreams do come true





Four boys from Davao prove that the impossible is nothing when you believe and strive hard enough



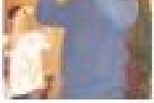




Tearful reunion

Hurdles and fame









Choraliers in concert



THE CHORALIERS of Harris Memorial College

Victory for the Good Book



Road to the finals

Hour of reckoning

WESTERN UNION LAUNCHES REWARDS CARD FOR MONEY TRANSFER RECEIVERS

Loyalty and rewards program now benefits both senders and receivers in Philippines

February 6, 2007, MAKATI CITY - Western Union has extended its loyalty rewards program to receivers of money transfers. By registering for the Western Union Gold CardSM, Filipinos who receive money transfers through Western Union will also enjoy benefits that include discounts at popular retail and services outlets. Previously, only customers sending money transfers through Western Union were eligible for the Western Union Gold Card (not a credit card) and rewards program.

During a press launch held recently at the Intercon Hotel, Western Union executives introduced the expanded Gold Card loyalty program to the media. Themed "Giving our customers more reasons to celebrate," Western Union created a festive scene to launch the additional advantages of being a Gold Card holder.

The Western Union Gold Card loyalty program introduces customers to a world of privileges with two tiers of rewards - basic and premium benefits. Customers get exclusive access to benefits such as discounts at Western Union's co-promotion establishments. Just by showing their Western Union Gold Card, customers can enjoy the following rewards:

- 7% discount from any Air Philippines published fares for website or outside bookings;
- Free gift for minimum purchase of P125 made at BBC;
- 15% discount for facial and hair services at David's Salon;
- $5.00 discount on fees for all international outbound transactions (except for Jumbo Box, Jumbo Jr. and Express Pallet) made through DHL; and
- 5% discount for Goldilocks greeting cakes.

In addition, Western Union Gold Card holders who show their cards when sending or receiving money through Western Union will be eligible for premium tier reward coupons. The more transactions made through Western Union, the more exciting the benefits that await customers. In addition, premium tier rewards will be updated on a regular basis.

From now until March 31, 2007, Gold Card customers making a transaction through Western Union will receive discount coupons for use in the following co-promotion establishments: Max's Restaurant, Goldilocks, WOW Magic Sing and Leonardo.

It is easy to get a Western Union Gold Card - customers can go to any Western Union Agent location and fill out a registration form. The card is available free of charge, with no joining or annual fees.

Currently, the Western Union Gold Card is available in the following countries: Australia, Brunei, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, the United States and some European countries.

A global leader in money transfer services, customers trust Western Union for its **speed of delivery** - money is available for collection just minutes after it is sent; **reliability** - Western Union has been in the money transfer business for over 150 years, and has been in business in the Philippines for 19 years; and **convenience** - it has one of the widest networks in the Philippines with over 6,800 locations nationwide.

Western Union locations belong to different classes of trade including banks, pawnshops, malls and telephone centers, so customers can send or receive money beyond normal banking hours and even during weekends.

For more details, customers can call the following numbers: 888-1200 within Metro Manila, 1-800-1-888-1200 toll free via PLDT, 1-800-9-888-1200 toll free via Globelines to check the status of their funds from abroad or find the address of the nearest Western Union location.



Sunday LifeStyle



Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown, if any, to the Lifestyle, PO Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City. E-mail: A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the senders.

AMPONIN-DINGDING

Engineer Marcus Edwin Amponin, son of engineer Edgardo and Cornelia Amponin, wed recently Gretchen Beverly Dingding, daughter of Quintin and Rosa Dingding, at the Shrine of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Reception was held at The Coconut Palace.





ISIDRO-CORNISTA

Dimo Isidro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Isidro, will wed Monique Cornista, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornista, on Feb. 24 at the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, Better Living, Parañaque City. Reception will follow at the Palm Drive Condominium Clubhouse. The bride will wear a dress by Rene Divino.



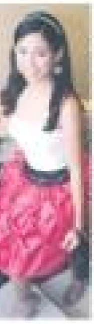
BAUTISTA-VILLENA

Dr. Amiel Bautista, son of Roberto and Evelyn Bautista, and Charles Villena, daughter of Crisostomo and Cornelia Villena, exchange vows recently at Mary the Queen Parish. Reception was held at the newly renovated ballroom of Dusit Hotel Nikko. The groom is a doctor in the Senate, while the bride is a sales manager at Dusit Hotel Nikko.



NAVERA DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Dr. and Mrs. Rafael Navera of Legaspi City celebrated recently their diamond wedding anniversary.

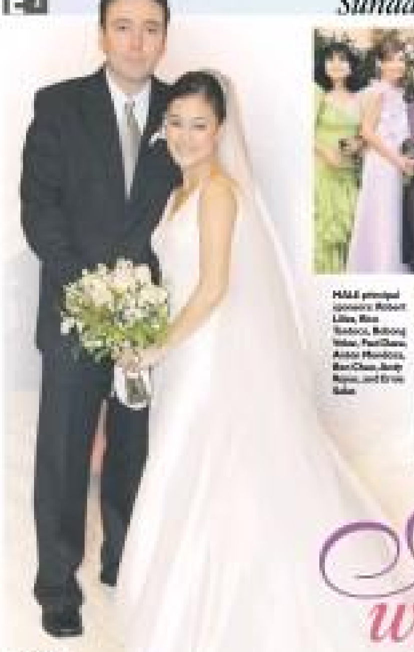


GENTEROLA DEBUT

Michelle Ashley Dominique Genterola, daughter of Edgar and Ma. Genterola of Guimbal, Iloilo City celebrated her 18th birthday with a dance party at Goldbee Function Center, General Luna St., Iloilo.

The debutante is a nursing freshman student at St. Paul University in Iloilo.

Her gown was designed by Jakki Presidente.







A simple dream wedding come true

Guests applauded as the bride told her groom, 'Now you're mine . . . all mine'

THE BEAUTIFUL couple after the simple but elegant wedding



THE COUPLE with the cute flower girls and ring bearers









Gary Valenciano and Pastor Paul Chase



EMILY'S POST
Emily Marcelo

He supports her family but wouldn't marry her

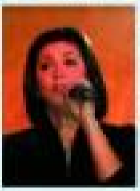
SMART
The Leader in Wireless Conquers Qatar

More than 10,000 OFWs flocked to Qatar Sports Club, Doha, Qatar last Feb. 9 to take part in a star-studded program presented by SMART PINOY.



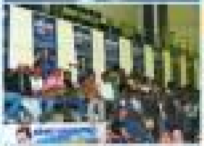


Concert with the Stars















Philippine Ambassador to Qatar





Various ways to keep the intimacy alive, courtesy of SMART PINOY

Full-force support for Pinoy Heroes





Sunday LifeStyle Travel



AMONG the ... Valencia ... Philippine shawls.

Valencia has two faces

Like a fan with back-to-back designs, the Spanish Mediterranean city is doble cara except that its two sides are not identical



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Valencia has two faces



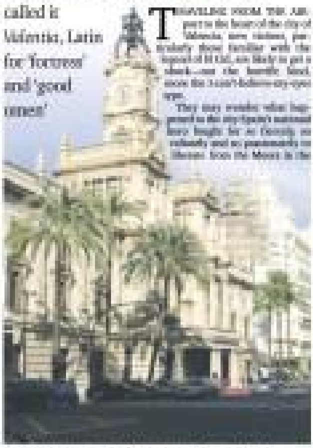
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The Romans called it Valentia, Latin for 'fortress' and 'good omen'

Text and photos by Linda B. Bolido

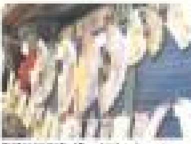


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Pinoy connection

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Legendary hero

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Travel Briefs

HK Arts Festival opens Feb. 24

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WEEKENDER PACKAGE

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Purely Personal
Josephine Darang

Making Bicol proud



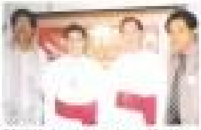
An organizer said the award, by highlighting positive things, could help promote peace and unity

Symposium

Madrigals in full force

Pioneer

Well-deserved



Singapore Airlines has partnered with over 80 establishments, 35 of which are found at The Podium, that offer discounts to holders of SIA boarding passes



All aboard for discounts and privileges

Celebrate flavors of Asia



'Littlest Empress,' a musical, goes on stage

ENTERTAINMENT



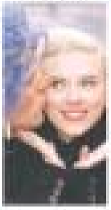
From 'Amazon' to academic

TETCHIE AGBAYANI IS IN "the happiest time" of her life, shuttling comfortably between two worlds—the movies and the academe.

"Teaching feeds my mind," Agbayani told Inquirer Entertainment. "Show biz fills my need to be creative. I don't miss the fuss that comes with being a movie star. I don't enjoy being on center stage all the time. I guard my privacy fiercely."

Another Inquirer exclusive on page G2

INSIDE



Fil-Am among AI's top 24

...and Jim Carrey goes crazy over 'The Number 23'

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—FROM THE tens of thousands who tried to have a shot at being this year's "American Idol," a Filipino-American, AJ Tabaldo, got picked to be among the top 24 candidates.

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Classic revival

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Invisible subject

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AJ TABALDO

AJ Tabaldo says making it on the world's biggest reality talent show is his proudest moment

Teacher Tetchie in the 'happiest time of my life'



TETCHIE AGBAYANI

Pride and joy

Screen granny

Not 'showbizzy'

Career highlight

Scarlett 'Hasty Pudding' Johansson



SCARLETT JOHANSSON

RUSHES

Will it be silent?



KERI RUSSELL

'Felicity' marries in NY

Rehab for Robbie

Feisty at 74



ROBBIE WILLIAMS

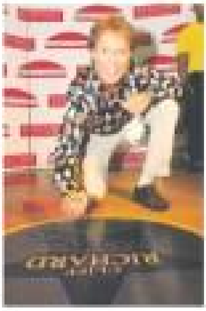
Less frightened Coppola

Winning a Best Director Oscar—a study in extremes

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Sir Cliff finds time for RP c

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit

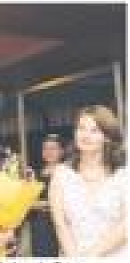
Packed coliseum

No sacrifice at all

School in Tarala

No one is banned from BigSkyMind

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Your life at a movie







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MOVIE GUIDE

NOW SHOWING



The spunk and spirit of Williams and Lambert

REVIEW

Climate concerts

CHEER FACTOR

Roundup


MORGAN Fairchild and Bo Derek

Screen sirens' comeback

BO DEREK AND MORGAN FAIRCHILD MAKE a comeback as bitter arch-enemies in "Fashion House," a new drama series airing weekdays, 10 p.m. on Star World.

The show uncovers the vicious schemes of characters who stop at nothing to reach the top of the fashion world.

The show airs through "Dream Satellite TV Channel 26. It is also available on SkyCable, Cablelink and Destiny.

Artist tribute

The Tribung Pilipino Foundation, in association with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, pays tribute to Tito Arevalo on Feb. 22, 4 p.m. at the Leandro Locsin Theatre, NCCA Bldg., General Luna St., Intramuros, Manila.

The tribute to the late composer, lyricist, musical director and actor, dubbed "Saan Ang Mahal Ko, Inang Dapit-Hapon ng Abada," is in celebration of the National Arts Month this February. It is also in honor of Arevalo's birthday on March 29. He would have turned 96.

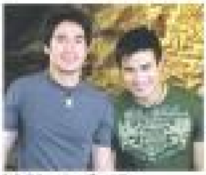
His career started in 1936 as actor in "Sa Paanan ng Krus" and as musical director in "Hiwaga Rosita" in 1938.

More fun time

Star City now opens its gates at 2 p.m., offering more time for the families to enjoy 33 rides and walk-throughs, 10 games, 140 small outlets, 120 food choices and two theaters with regular programs.

Circus de Salles continues to entertain guests with its "Ballet meets the Big Top" presentations "Monkey Angler" and "Princess of the Moon," featuring prima ballerina Lisa Macuja-Elizalde and some of the country's finest circus performers.

Ride-All-You-Can pop tags are at P220 and entrance tickets at P60.


POLO Ravales and Sam Milby

Big stars' night

ABS-CBN gathers some of the country's biggest stars on March 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Shinjuku Bunka Center in Tokyo, Japan.

To be featured are Polo Ravales and Sam Milby, with Pinoy Dream Academy Grand Dreamer Yeng Constantino, top scholars Jay-R Siaboc, Ronnie Liang, Nick Pollarina, Panky Trinidad and Chad Peralta.

To witness the event, TFC subscribers may get their special free passes from ABS-CBN Japan at 03-5414-2892.

31 competing beauties

Thirty-one beauties have been selected as official candidates in the Binibining Pilipinas Beauty Pageant.

They will be formally presented to the members of the press on Feb. 20 at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza, with the coronation night set on March 3 at the Araneta Coliseum.

The winners will be crowned Binibining Pilipinas International, Binibining Pilipinas World and Binibining Pilipinas Universe and will serve as the Philippine representatives to three international beauty pageants.

Film showing

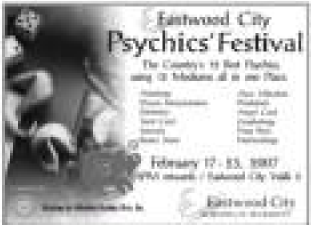
Movieflood, in cooperation with the Manila Broadcasting Company, will stage an exhibit and film showing to showcase the glory days of local cinema on Feb. 23, 4 p.m. at the Aliw Theater, CCP Complex.

To be shown on Feb. 25, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Aliw Theater are "Zamboanga" (1936), with Fernando Poe Sr., "Gorio Bug-atos" (1966), with Joseph Estrada and "Krisis ng Mhanger" (1969), with Fernando Poe Jr. and Susan Roces.

The exhibit of the old Awardees and other Film items dubbed as "Reels Treasure" will be held at the Aliw Theater Lobby starting on Feb. 22.



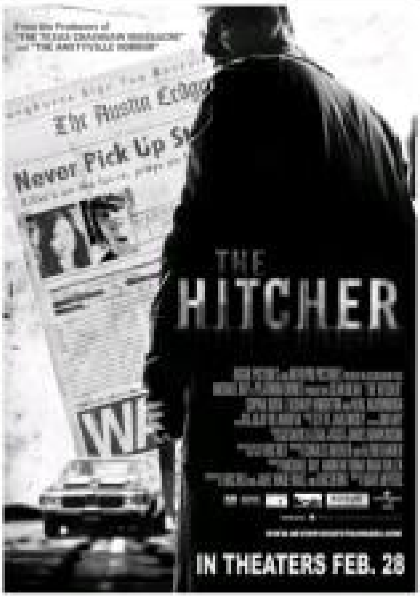










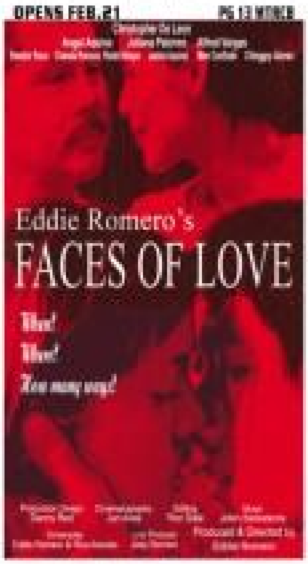




Fil-Am among AI's top 24



JIM CARREY: "It has been a long journey of trying to find something that made me happy."





CARREY stars in Joel Schumacher's "The Number 23."